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Dear parents/guardians and members of our community:

The Macaulay Child Development Centre is committed to the health, safety and well-being of the families we serve, as well as, our staff, providers, volunteers and our greater community. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we want to take this opportunity to connect with you and to keep you updated on how we are supporting our community during this time.

Across the agency, Macaulay is using technology to reach out and connect with children and families, both individually and in groups. Wherever possible, programs are being delivered through the use of video and tele-practice, web and social media platforms. Our website now includes a link to [online resources for children and families](#) where program updates and other resources can be found. Our social media platforms are updated daily with activities and interactive videos, including videos in multiple languages. We encourage you to check our website regularly and to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

We understand that these are challenging times for many families and we encourage you to reach out for support when needed. Please visit our COVID-19 response section on our website for a list of important resources including: self-care, mental health resources, community and social services and grocery delivery programs. We have also shared below some information about local agencies providing support to families (food banks and counseling services). This information may be of support to you and your family, or someone else you know that is in need during this time. If you would like to support the fight against COVID-19, please visit www.unitedway.ca/covid-19/

For more than 80 years, we have been committed to helping children succeed. Now more than ever, this remains true. While our offices and program centres may be temporarily closed, we are still here, working remotely and we will continue to communicate with you to share important information and deliver critical support to our community.

We encourage everyone to help limit the spread of the virus by staying home and avoiding any non-essential travel outside of the home. For more information, please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-health-advice/>.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Trevor McAlmont
Executive Director





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Important Resources:

For the latest information on the current health situation, how you can stop the spread and supportive actions, visit:
www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/

For Community information and referrals to community and social services, including food banks and shelter, dial 211 or visit:
www.211.toronto.ca

Phone and online counselling services are now available Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm, visit:
<https://www.whatsupwalkin.ca/>

Several temporary food banks have now open within community locations, which serve prepared (to go) meals for families. The information listed below may be updated as the situation is continuously changing. The following libraries are currently operating food banks:

- Albion Library
- Eatonville Library
- Jane/Sheppard Library
- Steeles Library
- Cedarbrae Library
- Don Mills Library
- Kennedy/Eglinton Library
- Agincourt Library
- Frontlines (Weston & Lawrence)

<http://frontlines.to/covid-19-updates-frontlines-programming-online-meal-days-annual-dinner-information/>